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1. RE LAST PARAGRAPH REFTEL, CONGEN PROPOSES TO NOMINATE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTS (CODE 210) DURING FY 1974. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE WILL APPROACH INDIVIDUALS TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION TO SUBMIT DETAILED FORMAL NOMINATION.

2. MARIO GRACA (CATEGORY C)

MARIO GRACA, BLACK, UNIVERSITY-TRAINED MOZAMBICAN, IS PRESENTLY AN ECONOMIST WITH BANCO DE FOMENTO AND PROFESSOR OF ECONOMETRICS AT UNIVERSITY OF LOURENCO MARQUES. HE IS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NATIVE-BORN MOZAMBICANS. HE IS YOUNG (EARLY THIRTIES), INTELLIGENT, AND POLITICALLY MODERATE TO LIBERAL. HE SPEAKS QUITE GOOD ENGLISH AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT NEED ESCORT-INTERPRETER. CONGEN BELIEVES THAT GRACA HAS POTENTIAL TO BECOME A POLITICAL LEADER IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND/OR, AS ONE OF FEW MOZAMBICAN-TRAINED ECONOMISTS, IMPORTANT FIGURE IN FINANCIAL OR BUSINESS CIRCLES.

3. RAUL WAHNON CORREIA PINTO (CATEGORY B)

RAUL WAHNON CORREIA PINTO, APPOINTED PROVINCIAL SECRETARY OF LABOR IN 1972, IS FIRST NON-WHITE (MULATTO) TO HOLD TITLE
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OF PROVINCIAL SECRETARY IN MOZAMBIQUE. HE HAS HAD LONG,

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DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE, INCLUDING SUCH
RECENT POSITIONS AS AIDE TO THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMY IN
OVERSEAS MINISTRY (1966) AND DIRECTOR OF COTTON INSTITUTE
IN MOZAMBIQUE (1968). AS SECRETARY OF LABOR, HE HAS
INSTITUTED LONG OVERDUE REFORMS IN LABOR PRACTICES AND
TRAVELLED WIDELY TO EXAMINE LABOR CONDITIONS FIRSTHAND.
HE IS AROUND 48 YEARS OLD, POLITICALLY MODERATE, AN EFFICIENT
ADMINISTRATOR, AND IN GENERAL ENJOYS EXCELLENT REPUTATION.
HE SPEAKS QUITE GOOD ENGLISH AND WOULD NOT NEED ESCORT-
INTERPRETER. VERY FACT HE WAS BORN IN PORTUGUESE GUINEA,
AND THUS HAS LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING LOCAL POWER BASE,
MAKE HIM VERY DESIRABLE CANDIDATE FOR GOP TO PROMOTE TO HIGHER
POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY IN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. CONGEN
BELIEVES PINTO COULD BENEFITGREATLY FROM EXPOSURE TO US
LABOR ORGANIZA5IONS, PRACTICES, AND IDEALS, WHICH COULD LEAD
TO FURTHER LABOR REFORMS IN MOZAMBIQUE.

4. PADRE ATANASIO VALERIO NWITO (CATEGORY B)

PADRE ATANASIO VALERIO MWITO, BLACK MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY, HAS DISTINCTION OF BEING POLITICIAN WITH CLERICAL
BACKGROUND (WAS ARCHPRIEST OF DIOCESE OF PORTO AMELLA, CABO
DELGADO) AND BEING A MACONDE--TRIBE GENERALLY HOSTILE
TOWARD PORTUGUESE AND MAIN SOURCE OF SUPPORT FOR FRELIMO.
(MWITO HAS RELATIVES STILL WITH FRELIMO.) HE IS YOUNG (31
YEARS OLD), INTELLIGENT, RELATIVELY CONSERVATIVE POLITICALLY,
AND ONE OF THE MORE ACTIVE AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS IN LEGIS-
LATIVE ASSEMBLY. SINCE LEVEL OF HIS ENGLISH NOT KNOWN, HE
MAY NEED INTERPRETER. IN VIEW INCREASING CONCERN OF CHURCH
WITH SOCIO-ECONOMIC-CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN MOZAMBIQUE--
A CONCERN WHICH HAS HAD AND IS HAVING POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS--
MWITO COULD ASSUME IMPORTANT POLITICAL ROLE IN FUTURE.
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